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The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 49th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member	\$25.00
Guest and Member	\$40.00
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Student	\$10.00
Registration and Social	5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:15 p.m.
Presentation 7:00 p.m.

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Technical Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2008 5:30 p.m.

Guy's Party Centre

500 East Waterloo Road *Akron, Ohio 44319*

Weathering of Plastics



Atlas Material Testing Technology, William Lucas

Bayer Material Science, Amy Wylie



The first outdoor weathering test site was established in 1906 in Fargo, North Dakota.Bakelite; the first *entirely synthetic* plastic, was patented in 1907. Coating plastic for appearance or other purposes is comparatively recent. So what have we learned about weatherability testing for plastics, coatings and coatings on plastics in the past 92 or so years? This talk will address some of the different approaches to weatherability testing, specific things to keep in mind when selecting or developing weathering test methods or programs, and discuss the issues of acceleration, correlations and service life prediction in light of our current understanding.

See page 4 for Speaker biographies

Next meetings

- May 16 Spring Golf Outing
- ➤ May 19 Awards Night





On March 31, we had our first Vendor's Night at Guy's Party Centre in Akron. We had 12 companies showcasing their equipment, products and services and had 40 total registrations. Each company was recognized after the dinner and their representative was given the opportunity to make a few remarks about their company. Everyone attending thought that a Vendor's Night was a good idea and should be tried again.

Our last technical meeting will be on Monday, April 28, also at Guy's Party Centre. We will feature two speakers who will talk on different aspects of plastics weathering and protection. "Weathering and Testing of Plastics" will be presented by William Lucas of Atlas Material Testing. "Coating of Plastics" will be presented by Amy Wylie of Bayer Material Science. Come and join us for this last technical meeting of 2007-8.

We will hold our Spring Golf outing on Friday, May 16 at the Barberton Brookside Golf and Country Club, and our Annual Awards Night the following Monday, May 19 at the Raintree Country Club in Uniontown.

I hope you are enjoying the program so far and will continue to participate. We have started our program planning for 2008-9, which will be focused on the 50th Anniversary of the Akron Section. We plan to recognize local polymer and plastics companies at each of our monthly meetings and wind up with a Gala Night in April, 2009. We welcome all input on our monthly meeting program and ideas for future programs, as well as any suggestions for improving the value of SPE to our membership. Remember that the SPE ANTEC and Plastics Encounter Exhibition will be held in Milwaukee from May 4 through May 9.

Looking forward to meeting with you all at Guy's Party Centre on Monday, April 28.

You can always contact me at vivian.malpass@tek-mark.com or at 330-342-1120.

Sincerely, Viv Malpass







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Map to Guy's Party Centre

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From the North (Akron, Cuy. Falls, Hudson, E. Cleve) Take Route 8 south until it becomes 77 south. Continue on 77 south for a little less than 2 more miles. Take the Waterloo Rd exit. Turn right at the bottom of the ramp. From the Northwest (Fairlawn, Montrose, W. Cleve) Follow 77 south until it combines with 76 and then separates again, heading south (Rt 8 will head north, 77 will head south, take 77 south). Continue for a little less than 2 more miles. Take the Waterloo Rd exit. Turn right

From the East (Kent, Ravenna, Youngstown)

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From the West (I-71, Wadsworth, Barberton)

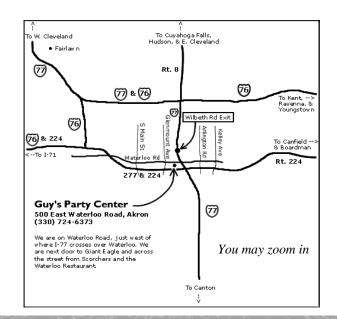
Take 76/224 east until it turns into only St. Rt. 224. Follow St. Rt. 224 east to the Main Street exit. Turn left onto Main at the end of the exit ramp. Turn right at first major intersection -- Waterloo. Guy's is about a mile up on the right, just past Giant Eagle and across the street from Scorchers and the Waterloo Restaurant.

From the South (Canton)

at the bottom of the ramp.

This is a little strange, but the easiest way. There is an exit ramp onto Waterloo from 77 south, but NOT from 77 north, so follow 77 north to the Wilbeth Road exit. Get off on that exit, then make two lefts, thus getting back onto 77 going SOUTH. Take the very next exit - Waterloo Rd. Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp.

From the Southeast (Canfield, Boardman, Alliance) Follow St. Rt. 224 west to Kelley Ave/Waterloo Rd exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and then, almost immediately, left onto Waterloo Rd. Take Waterloo Rd past where it crosses under I-77.



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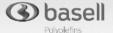
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Technical Assistance Initiated On Akron SPE Web Site

Do you have a technical question on plastics, polymers, rubbers, etc. Our web site now has a place where you can detail your question and the Akron SPE Board will use their collective knowledge and resources to answer your questions. Check it out at www.akronspe.org. If you post a question we will post it in the following newsletter along with the answer.

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Biography of Speakers

Amy Wylie

Amy Wylie joined Bayer Material Science in 1997. She has experience in various areas including Paper Colorants and Chemicals, Coatings Research, and Plastic Coatings. Amy received a Bachelor of Science



Degree in Life Science from The Pennsylvania State University in 1998 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from The University of Pittsburgh in 2006. She is currently a Senior Research and Development Specialist focusing on plastic coatings in the Coatings, Adhesives, and Sealants Division. Her primary responsibilities include the development of various resin types (including waterborne polyurethane products, blocked polyisocyanates, aliphatic polyisocyanates and UV curing resins) for general industrial and automotive applications.

William L. Lucas

Bill has been the regional technical sales representative for Atlas Material Testing Technology LLC for the past 9 years. He was previously a Division Manager for the Kurt J. Lesker Company, a provider of high vacuum systems and components. Additional experience included technical sales positions at Fisons Instruments, Zymark Corporation, and Dionex Corporation with an emphasis on spectroscopy and chromatography.

He received his bachelors' degree in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. Bill also served 23 years in the US Air Force as both an enlisted Medical Technician and an officer. His last position was as the senior health service administrator for the Air Force Reserves 911th Medical Squadron.

Active in the Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology, Bill is now the immediate past president.

Councilor's Corner

Greetings to all of my fellow Akron members from your councilor. I do not have much to report at this time. ANTEC is coming up and we will have a full two days of meeting in Milwaukee. I will have much more to report after that meeting. Do you have anything you want me to bring up at the meetings? Any opinions or ideas you want me to voice? Just let me know. Main topics these days are declining membership, ANTEC 2009 joint with NPE, a program database, and the loss in revenue from Plastics Engineering magazine. No major votes are coming up and elections were held during last council meeting in late January. That is all.

Give me a call or send an email if you have suggestions or inputs for the ANTEC meetings. Thank you for your support.

Joseph E. Pfeiffer



Honored Service Member awardee, Lloyd Goettler.

PolymerOhio Internships

The Third Frontier Internship Program links Ohio students with rewarding internship opportunities that provide hands-on experience within Ohio's private-sector business community. The goal is to build a young talented workforce for the future and assist students in gaining valuable work experience that can lead to permanent full-time employment in Ohio after graduation.

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For more information or assistance, call Rich Markham at 614-477-1133 or write to rmarkham@polymerohio.org.



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	Dinner TBA		Reduction Eng., Chris Case
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Sept. 17-19	TPE TOPCON Hilton Inn		
		Mar. 31	Vendor's Display Program
Oct. 22	Materials in Space - NASA		(suppliers, tooling, etc.)
	Hilton Inn		Guy's Party Centre
Nov. 26	Akron CNC Training Center	Apr. 28	Weathering of Plastics
	Lindsay's Amber Restaurant		Atlas Material Testing Technology
			LLC, William Lucas
Dec. 10	Social Outing – with Cleveland Pro Football Hall of Fame		Guy's Party Centre
		May 16	Spring Golf Outing
Jan. 28	Blow Molding – with Cleveland	•	Barberton Brookside
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	-	May 19	Awards Night TBA



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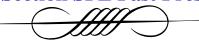
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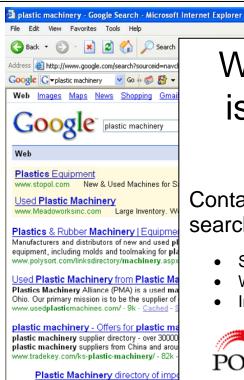
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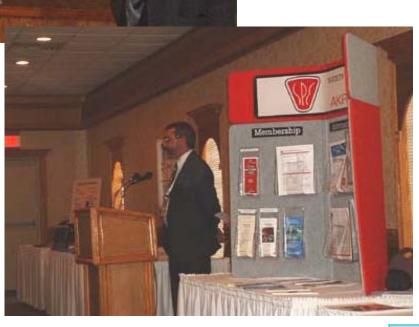
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Joe Mattingly of SteerAmerica with Viv Malpass







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Doug Croley and Brian Wilde at Americhem booth

John Nelson of Thermoplastic Solutions with Robert Digiantonio, Plastics 101



John Woodside of Everlight Chemicals



March Meeting – Vendor's Night at Guy's Party Centre

Cindy Izotic and Ashley Krider of Price Fitters



David Katz at the registration desk



Hemant Thakkar of ARDL – BOD speaker



March Meeting - Vendor's Night at Guy's Party Centre



John Woodside of Everlight Chemicals

Mike Mallamci and Harlin Wilk of PolyInsight with Viv Maspass

Membership Report – March, 2008

Akron had 1 new member join in March. Our membership number is at 374.

We had no transfers in and two transfers out of our section.

Membership chair, Reza Sadeghi

New Member - Say "hello and thanks for joining" if you know the following person.

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Our goal is to continue to grow the assets of the Foundation in order to increase the number of scholarships awarded as well as the size of the awards, and to do so in perpetuity. In doing this, we hope to be able to contribute to the supply of well-trained individuals to support the growth of the polymer industry in the Northeast Ohio area today and well into the future.

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Bob Wegelin, Chairman
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- keeps you connected

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